Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of processing electronic documents comprising:

retrieving a first electronic document located in a reference directory specified by a first path;

examining the first electronic document for a reference to a second electronic document identified in the first electronic document as having a location specified by a second path:

searching for the~~a~~ second electronic document ~~purported to be specified by a second path~~ at the location specified by the second path; ~~and~~

if the second electronic document is not located at the second path, ~~continue~~ searching ~~in a directory higher than~~ the reference directory for the second electronic document:

if the second electronic document is not found in the reference directory, sequentially searching higher directories than the reference directory until the second electronic document is found: and

retrieving the second electronic document if it is found.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently Amended) A computer product residing on a computer readable medium for processing electronic documents, comprising instructions for causing the computer to:

retrieve a first electronic document located in a reference directory specified by a first path;

examine the first electronic document for a reference to a second electronic document identified in the first electronic document as having a location specified by a second path:

search for a-the second electronic document ~~purported to be specified by a second path~~ at the location specified by the second path; ~~and~~

if the second electronic document is not located at the second path, ~~continue to~~ search ~~in a directory higher than~~ the reference directory for the second electronic document;

if the second electronic document is not found in the reference directory, sequentially search higher directories than the reference directory until the second electronic document is found; and

retrieve the second electronic document if it is found.

4.   (Cancelled)

5.   (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving the first electronic document and the second electronic document at a first computer system operating on a first platform from a second computer system operating on a second platform different from the first platform; and

storing the first electronic document and the second electronic document at locations specified in terms of the directory structure of the second platform.

6.   (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the first electronic document is stored in the reference directory.